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Art Unit	1732
Examiner Name	Stefan Staicovici
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ii. Other _____

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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

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Applicant: Kapteyn, et al.

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INDUCTIVE SENSORS**

TC/A.U.: 1732

Examiner: Stefan Staicovici

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**AMENDMENT B AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.